

In the Claims:

Claims 1-4, 6-19, and 21-27 are pending in the application with claims 2, 3, 13, 16, 19, 26, and 27 amended herein.

1. (original) A method of creating a liquid developer with improved conductivity comprising:

dissolving a solid charge adjuvant in a carrier liquid aided by heating the carrier liquid;

then mixing the dissolved charge adjuvant with a thermoplastic resin and carrier liquid;

grinding the mixture to form toner particles; and

adding a charge director to charge the toner particles.

2. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein mixing and grinding comprises:

mixing the thermoplastic resin with carrier liquid;

heating the mixture of carrier liquid and thermoplastic resin to plasticize the resin;

cooling the plasticized resin;

adding the dissolved ~~charged~~ charge adjuvant to the cooled plasticized resin;

grinding the mixture of charge adjuvant and plasticized resin to form toner particles.

3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein mixing and grinding comprises:

mixing the thermoplastic resin with carrier liquid and dissolved ~~charged~~ charge adjuvant at an elevated temperature;

cooling the mixture;

grinding the cooled mixture to form toner particles.

4. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, comprising adding a colorant.

5. (cancelled)
6. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said charge adjuvant is a metallic soap.
7. (original) A method according to claim 6 wherein the metallic soap is an aluminum soap.
8. (original) A method according to claim 6, wherein said metallic soap comprises an aluminum stearate
9. (original) A method according to claim 7 wherein the aluminum stearate comprises aluminum tri-stearate.
10. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said dissolving is aided by heating to a temperature exceeding 120°C.
11. (original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said dissolving is aided by heating to a temperature exceeding 130°C.
12. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said dissolving is aided by heating to a temperature of no greater than 130°C.
13. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~wherein and including further comprising~~ cooling the dissolved charge adjuvant to a temperature below 60°C, prior to mixing it with the resin polymer.
14. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the charge adjuvant has only limited solubility in the carrier liquid at 25°C.
15. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the charge adjuvant is substantially insoluble in the carrier liquid at 25°C.

16. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the charge adjuvant does not dissolve in the carrier liquid at a temperature at which it is mixed with the resin polymer, but remains dissolved therein, ~~when dissolved therein at said mixing temperature,~~ when dissolved at a higher temperature.

17. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the charge adjuvant does not substantially dissolve in the carrier liquid at 40°, but remains dissolved therein, when dissolved at a higher temperature.

18. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the charge adjuvant does not substantially dissolve in the carrier liquid at 60°, but remains dissolved therein, when dissolved at a higher temperature.

19. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the dissolving ~~includes~~ further comprises adding a surfactant to the solution of carrier liquid and charge adjuvant.

20. (cancelled)

21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said mixing and grinding are performed in a same grinder or a same attritor.

22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said mixing is performed in a first vessel and wherein said grinding is performed in a second vessel.

23. (original) A method according to claim 22 wherein said mixing is performed in a mixer without grinding media.

24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 21 wherein said grinding is performed in a grinder or an attritor.

25. (previously presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein said dissolving is aided by heating to a temperature exceeding 120°C.

26. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~[[2]]~~ 3, wherein said dissolving is aided by heating to a temperature exceeding 120°C.

27. (currently amended) A method according to claim 10 ~~wherein and including~~ further comprising cooling the dissolved charge adjuvant to a temperature below 60°C, prior to mixing it with the resin polymer.